

displayed and a user can "click" on the URL to look up the information corresponding to the URL. If the received document is a text type, the text can be converted to a HTML format and the HTML format document displayed for the user to "click" on the URL to look up the information corresponding to the URL without being required to type the URL address. (Abstract). As was the case with Birrell, Higley does not teach or suggest a method or program that includes locating hypertext references in first and second e-mail messages received by an e-mail program and building hypertext messages containing the hypertext references and associations of each of the hypertext references with a sender of the first and second e-mail messages as recited in independent Claims 1, 10 and 19.

Birrell, individually or in combination with Higley, thus fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 and their respective dependent claims, when considered as a whole. Claims 1-27 are therefore not obvious in view of Birrell and Higley. In view of the foregoing remarks, the cited references do not support the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.


II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-27.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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